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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31433	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	3/27/2014	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve the negotiation and execution of a license agreement with the Girl Scouts of Central Texas to allow their continued use of the Zilker Cabin.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	Unanimously approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 5-0.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Girl Scouts of Central Texas currently occupy a City-owned park cabin, located at 2317 Columbus Drive in Zilker Park. As far back as 1927, the citizens of Austin have advocated that the City of Austin designate a portion of its property for use by the Girl Scouts.

To memorialize the terms and conditions of the Girl Scouts' continued use of the Zilker Cabin, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to enter into a license agreement. A summary of the terms and conditions of the license agreement is outlined below:

- Two-year term with one two-year extension;
- Girl Scouts will not pay a license fee;
- In lieu of a license fee, they will volunteer with PARD at least four times per year in support of PARD's mission;

- The Girl Scouts will contract with an architectural and engineering firm to conduct a facility and site assessment to identify necessary repairs and renovations to bring the Zilker Cabin to code;
- After receipt of findings, the Girl Scouts will provide a timeline for repairs and renovations, organized in priority order that will be completed during the extension periods.

The Girl Scouts volunteer activities would support PARD's mission, "to provide, protect, and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin community". In addition, their partnership with PARD would assist the Girl Scouts with one of their key focus areas of "Girls Go Green" by providing them the opportunity to take action for their environment by performing community service projects to beautify and improve Zilker Park.

Moreover, the facility and site assessment, along with any identified repairs and renovations, will provide PARD a code-compliant facility.